

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 29, 2009 the Office noted that claims 1-21 were pending and rejected claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 18-21 and objected to claims 7, 8 and 11-17. Claim 1 has been amended, claim 7 has been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-6 and 8-21 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office has indicated that claims 7, 8 and 11-17 would be in a condition for allowance if re-written in independent form. The Applicants thank the Office for the consideration given the claims and has amended the independent claims to include the feature that the Office has found allowable.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Shinzaki, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0005310. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

The Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 7 which the Office has acknowledged as

allowable.

Thus, it is submitted that claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are not obvious over Shinzaki.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Shinzaki in view of Kim, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0075609. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

Claim 5 is allowable as being dependent from an allowable base claim as discussed above.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-21 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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